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### She Never Told Her Love.

Was it that Moonington could find  
No lucky chance to urge his suit?  
Or did Capricia's wayward mind  
Flutter irresolute?

Could it be virgin bashfulness  
That still concealed her tender thought?  
Or fear she might perchance confess  
A love that was not sought?

Was it mere womanly caprice?  
Or pride, or maidenly reserve?  
Was it respect for mental peace,  
Or merely want of nerve?

Could it be possible that he  
(Conjecture tenth and last) not quite  
So irresistible might be,  
As every heart to smite?

She could not choose but understand,  
He thought, his little game of sighs,  
Slow pressing pressures of the hand,  
Soft words, and "making eyes."

And then the Ode to his "Heart's Queen,"  
To whom he'd "ever how the true knee!"  
For Moonington was slightly green,  
And more than slightly spoony.

"The reason why," (this was above  
Ten years ago,) he now knows well;  
She simply "never told her love,"  
Because she'd none to tell!

### Particulars of the Destruction of the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The St. Louis correspondent of the San Francisco *Bulletin*, writing under date of April 27th, says:

As affairs, according to to-day's despatches, have assumed the worst possible complexion, (the bombardment of Norfolk), your readers will be interested in tracing difficulties there from the beginning, particularly as the despatches relating thereto have been irregular and contradictory. The *Norfolk Herald* of Monday last has full particulars of the destruction of many millions worth of public property at that place and the harbor and Navy yard in the neighborhood, by the U. S. officials, to prevent their seizure by the Secessionists. Says that

On Saturday and Sunday the greatest excitement prevailed in the city. Troops were hurrying to and fro, and every one anxious to know what was to be done, but unable to obtain the desired information. The rumor was that the Cumberland was about to sail from the Navy-Yard and preparations were made to prevent her. At 12 o'clock an officer came from the yard, bearing a flag of truce and was conducted to Gen. Taliaferro's head quarters at the Atlantic Hotel, where a consultation was held, which resulted in a promise from the Commandant of the yard, Com. Macauley, that none of the vessels should be removed nor a shot fired except in self-defence. This quieted the excitement; but it was renewed at a later hour, when it was ascertained that the Germantown and Merrimac had been scuttled and that the heavy shears on the wharf at which the Germantown was lying, had been cut away and allowed to fall midships across her decks, carrying away the main-topmasts and yards.

It was also perceived that the men were busily engaged in destroying and throwing overboard side and small arms, etc., and other property, and boats were constantly passing between the Pennsylvania, Cumberland, and other vessels. The assurance of the Commodore, given by his officer at the true interview, however, tended to allay the apprehension of an immediate collision. But the continued stirring movements at the yard soon rendered it certain that it was the intention of Macauley to destroy all the buildings and other property there, and it was therefore with not much surprise that, about midnight, after two or three slight explosions, the light of a serious conflagration was observed at the yard. This continued to increase, and before daylight the demon-work of destruction was extended to the immense ship-houses known as A and B, (the former containing the entire frame work of the New York, 74, which has been on the stocks unfinished, for some thirty-eight years,) and also to the long ranges of two-story offices and stores on each side of the main gate of the yard.

The flames and heat from this tremendous mass of burning material was set, by a southwest wind, directly towards the line of vessels moored on the edge of the channel opposite the yard, and nearly all of these, too, were speedily enveloped in flames. The scene at this time was grand and terrific beyond description. The roar of the conflagration was loud enough to be heard at three or four miles distance—and to this were added occasional discharges from the heavy guns of the Pennsylvania ship of the line, as they became successively heated. These guns, it is asserted, were doubly shotted and directed at different parts of the yard, for the purpose of securing its complete demolition. This, however, is certain—that if all her guns had been thus prepared and directed, the "burnt district" could not have been more completely cleared of appurtenances.

As soon as the torch had been successfully applied to the ship-houses, the Pawnee, which had been kept under steam from the moment of her arrival about nightfall on Saturday, was put in motion, and taking the Cumberland in tow, retreated down the harbor out of the reach of danger—freighted with a great portion of valuable munitions, etc., from the yard, and the commodore and other officers who had won for themselves the glorious distinction of devils in accomplishing such a vandal work. The ships proceeded as far down as the barricades at the narrows, where the Cumberland was left at anchor, and the Pawnee continued on to Fort Monroe.

As far as we could judge from a cursory obser-

vation, the property destroyed embraced, besides the ship houses and contents, the range of buildings on the north line of the yard, (except the Commodore's and Commander's residences, which were unburnt,) the old marine barracks and one or two workshops, the immense lifting shears, the ships Pennsylvania, Merrimac, Raritan, Columbia, and brig Dolphin—burnt to the water's edge; the sloop Germantown, broken and sunk; the Plymouth, scuttled and sunk even with her deck; and a vast amount of small arms, chronometers, and valuable engines and machinery in the ordnance and other shops, broken up and rendered utterly useless.

Appearances indicated that it was intended to cripple that admirable and useful work, the dry dock, by blowing up the gates, but from some cause this was not done, and the dock was found to be altogether unharmed. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that any officer of a navy, distinguished hitherto by a high sense of honor and chivalrous courage, could willingly condescend to such an inglorious mode of warfare as this. We rather regard it as an emanation from the wretched cabal at Washington, and a practical carrying out of the tactics laid down by the villainous Sumner and other orators of the Black Republican party. Burn, sink, and destroy is the word with them.

One thousand troops from Boston were landed yesterday morning in addition to those landed on Saturday. A large number is on the Horse-Shoe with a supposed number of 1,500, and another transport with her decks completely lined with recruits.

Yesterday morning, Lieut. Spotswood, of the Navy, a Virginian by birth, ran up to the flagstaff in the navy-yard, the flag of the Old Dominion, with its well-known arms, the figure of Liberty trampling on Tyranny, with the glorious motto, "Sic Semper Tyrannis"—and there it continues to flutter in the breeze.

Six of the rifled Parrott guns recently purchased for the use of the State have been brought from Richmond to Norfolk, by order of the Governor. The cannon spoken of are of the most effective kind known.

### The Sailors in the Chain-Gang.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—There is an institution in this town known as the chain-gang. Men who become members thereof are those who have been found guilty of manslaughter, theft, vagrancy, etc. It is with much pain, therefore, as an Englishman, that I witness from day to day a number of British sailors associated with the chain gang. The former are paraded through our public streets with the latter, but have, I believe, committed none of the offences above referred to. True, they have been found guilty of a very cowardly and serious offence—namely, that of attempted desertion, which attempt, although frustrated, is as bad as if it had been successful; but I deny that the English law, in awarding the punishment, justifies any such punishment as the degrading one which is now imposed on these British sailors.

Now, what result may we look for? Is it not highly probable that they will become irrecoverably hardened, and feeling the burning shame that their old parents will experience after learning their sons' present position—one which will almost cause tears of blood to flow and hearts to break,—will not these men, I say, soon feel all is lost, and thus be more fully open to become initiated in the vices and schemes of the scoundrels with whom they are compelled to parade the public streets daily.

"Vice seen too oft, familiar with its face."

"They'll first endure—then pity—then embrace." I am induced to believe that the opinions thus given are fully endorsed by the community at large. I propose, therefore, that a petition be gotten up and signed, respectfully addressed to the Admiral at Esquimalt, asking him to reconsider the verdict and redeem these men 'ere it be too late from such corrupt and dangerous associates; not that we consider by any means that the offence is a slight one—quite the contrary. They deserve severe and thorough punishment, but, or Heaven's sake, independent of any vile institution like the chain-gang. We might suggest that men be appointed to superintend them in the same labor they are now performing, only let it be entirely apart from any other "gang." Pray, Mr. Editor, continue to bring the matter forward in your esteemed paper, for the sake of these unfortunate sailors, their parents, brothers and sisters. By so doing you will very much oblige

### HUMANITAS.

VICTORIA, May 25, 1861.

A "SCENE" IN AN IRISH TOWN COUNCIL.—We find the following "scene" reported in the local papers as having been enacted at a recent meeting of the Cork Town Council:

When the Town Clerk read a passage in the minutes stating that Mr. Sheehan gave notice to make a crossing in a street not named, Mr. Sheehan rose in a very excited manner, and said: That is not true, it is an infernal lie; you ought not to be putting them lies in the books.

Major—I insist that you must sit down—you are out of order.

Mr. Sheehan—I won't be put down and be d—d to ye, ye pack of devils. (Innumerable confusion.)

Major—(rising)—I won't submit to this any longer. Call in the Mayor's men; Mr. Sheehan must leave the room.

The Mayor's sergeants entered, whereupon Mr. Sheehan rushed toward the Mayor in a menacing manner, exclaiming, I'll see ye all to the d—fist; I'll knock ye all down.

Major—Put him out.

A scene of terrific uproar ensued, Mr. Sheehan standing firmly on the pretorians, who presented a threatening appearance, and made a demonstration of physical force, seized a chair as an offensive weapon, and holding it suspended for a moment, seemed inclined to hurl the weighty missile at the heads of the civic servitors. Yielding, however, to the pacific counsel he received from some gentleman round him, his heroic mood abated, and he stammered forth an apology.

Major—(sternly)—Do you apologize?

Mr. Sheehan—(meekly)—I do, your worship.

I won't do it again.

Major—He has apologized.

Mr. McCarthy—As he has apologized, I hope your worship will not proceed any further.

The arrest of judgment sued for was granted, and Barney resumed his seat.

THREE THINGS A WOMAN CAN'T DO.—First, She can't sharpen a lead pencil. Give her one and see. Mark how jaggedly she hacks away every particle of wood from round the lead, leaving an unsightly spike of the latter, which breaks up immediately you try to use it.

Secondly. A woman can't do up a blouse. She carries a whole newspaper to wrap up a row of pins, and a coil of rope to tie it; and it will come undone at that.

Thirdly. I may allude to the fact that women can't carry an umbrella; or rather to the very peculiar manner in which they perform that duty; but I won't. I seem to turn traitor to a sex who, whatever may be their faults, are always loyal to each other. So I shall not say, as I might otherwise have said, that when they unfurl the parapluie alltogether, to put it right down over their noses—take the middle of the sidewalk, raking off men's hats and women's bonnets, as they go, and walking right into the breakfast of some unfortunate wight, with that disregard of the consequent gash, which to be understood must be felt, as the offender cooks up one corner of the parapluie and looks defiantly at the victim who has the effrontery to come into the world and hazard the whalebone and handle of her "umbrella!"

No, I won't speak of anything of the kind; besides has not a celebrated writer remarked that when a dear woman is cross, it is only because she is sick?" Let us hope he is right. We all know that it is the cause of a man's crossness. Give him his favorite dish, and you may dine off him afterwards—if you want to.

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### YALE TO LYTTON CITY!

### CONNECTING WITH

### CAYOOSH, in British Columbia.

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING STOCKED

THEIR LINE ROAD WITH EXCELLENT ANIMALS, INTEND

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20 cases Jud & Cope's Burton Ale (qts.)

20 cases Byas' Pale Ale (pts.)

10 cases Oregon Cider,

200 cases Old Tom,

20 cases Davenport's Wheat Whisky,

25 cases Duff Gordon's Pale Sherry,

25 cases Borth & Sedgwick's Gin,

25 cases Cherry Cordial,

15 cases assorted Syrups,

25 cases Old Bourbon Whisky,

5 puncheons Bernards' Old Tom,

5 do Stewart's Scotch Whisky,

5 do McLeans' 10 do do

In McKenzie's suit.

J. J. SOUTHPAGE & CO., Whari street.

my 22d m.

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BULLETIN BOARD TOWN Lots on nearly every street;

Farming or Gardening Land in every District; some of which afford a rare chance for investment.

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VICTORIA, Nov. 17th, 1860.

## Gratuitous.

Notices of Divine Service and Advertisements of Marriages or Deaths inserted GRATUITOUSLY.

Tuesday Morning, May 28, 1861.

## Non-Intervention.

We have ever maintained the position that British Columbian officials should confine their public services to that colony, and not interfere in the domestic institutions of Vancouver Island. In this view of the matter we are supported by the concurrence of both Colonies; and not only their concurrence, but precedent may be piled on precedent showing it to be a sound constitutional doctrine. Vancouver Island is as constitutionally distinct from British Columbia as Canada from New Brunswick, Victoria from New South Wales, or Oregon from California. We have no more jurisdiction over criminal or civil matters in British Columbia than we have in Canada. Over the latter we have none at all. Neither can the sister Colony interfere legally or with propriety in our affairs. Nevertheless, although we are constitutionally distinct governments; yet from the organization of British Columbia down to the present, their officials have been dabbling in our affairs, and vice versa. If there were any saving made by the exchequer of each Colony, through allowing one set of officials to serve both Colonies, it might in some small degree counterbalance the inconvenience arising from residence in one Colony and absenteeism from the other. But pecuniarily there is no saving at all. Each government pays as large a salary to her official staff, whether resident or absent, as though there were two staffs of officials and they were daily encouned in their respective offices at New Westminster or Victoria. Failing, therefore, in reducing the Civil List by a single staff of officials with double salaries, the only legitimate and constitutional course is to make the officials of each Colony reside within their respective jurisdictions; or at least deprive the officials of British Columbia from interfering in our domestic institutions, and vice versa.

It is generally conceded that the first duty Gov. Douglas has to perform on his return is to remove Mr. Cary from the Attorney-Generalship of this Colony, and install some one else in the vacant office. But we go still farther in our demands. We ask Executive interference to remove Mr. Cary from every position of trust, honor, or emolument that he holds under the Government of this Colony. We ask it because the principle of allowing officials of another Colony to hold office under our Government is at variance with every Colonial precedent, and opposed to the usages of all constitutional governments. Would any one imagine for a moment that Canada would tolerate the Attorney-General of New Brunswick as her Attorney-General? Would New Brunswick allow a Canadian official to hold a seat in her legislature? Would Oregon permit a prosecuting attorney of California to act in a similar capacity in that State, or hold a seat in her legislature? The very attempt would be scouted. The bare idea would not be tolerated for a moment. It would be declared a violation of common sense, common usages, common rights, and the constitution of each of those countries. Here, however, where our constitution, where Colonial precedents, are equally binding, we find the Attorney-General of British Columbia representing a constituency and acting as legal adviser of the Government of the Colony.

We have no precedent to support such heresies. The matter is totally indefensible. It is upheld by force contrary to our laws, our customs, our constitution, our rights, and our interests. Representative institutions have been conceded to the bona fide residents of Vancouver Island—not to British Columbian officials who may take up their abode here to the detriment of the best interests of that colony. So long as they maintain official connection with British Columbia, they are justly and properly no more entitled to vote or hold office here than our citizens have to exercise the franchise or fill public positions of honor or emolument there. "No man can serve two masters," is an old adage, but a true one, that has been verified here over and over again during the last two years. We need go no further than Mr. Cary for the proof. In this Colony his administrative talent proves to be a perfect failure; and by neglect of British Columbian duties he has called down upon himself there a high degree of unpopularity. The interests of neither colony has been properly attended to. And this occurs all through the bungling system that was inaugurated here three years ago. Both governments suffer from one set of officials administering the affairs of two distinct colonies. Both will continue to suffer till such time as British Columbian officials be taught to mind their own business and leave ours alone. Were the two colonies united under one government; were representative

institutions conceded to both, we would unquestionably have a cheaper government, and beyond doubt a better one than exists at present in either. But so long as a bogus union exists there will never be contentment nor a legitimate government in either country. Consequently, all bogus arrangements should be repudiated; and, as separate governments, let the bona fide citizens of each administer their own affairs without the let, hindrance or interference of neighboring colonial interlopers.

**EXTREMES MEETING**—In the Southern States, when a Secessionist wishes to get even with a neighbor from whom he received an insult or an injury, he either suspends a Union flag from his enemy's house, in the dead hour of the night, or prefers charges against him before a Vigilance Committee or band of Regulators. The consequence is the most natural one in the world. The victim, notwithstanding he may be traitorous in a superlative sense of the term, has his back striped (in compliment, no doubt, to the flag found waving over his dwelling), and is drummed out of the country. On the other hand, in San Francisco the Union feeling has become so strong that a Secessionist dare not show his head, and men claiming to possess Union sentiments sometimes resort to the scurvy trick of the Southerner, and plant secession flags on the premises of their foes. A crowd gathers—the odious emblem is torn down, and the unfortunate victim is ostracised by all his friends. A case of this kind recently occurred there, and the recipient of secession honors was nearly mobbed, besides experiencing a great falling off in his business.

## The Springs Again.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—Having watched the current of events in this Colony for some time back, and attended two public meetings, I have been surprised to find the principal point at issue between the people and the office-holders—the Springs—not touched upon as it should be. This valuable property, up to five weeks ago, was considered public property, and so used. But a little over a month ago a person proceeds thither and takes possession of the property, saying that he appeared for Mr. Cochrane, agent for the owners of the property, and forbids the watermen from drawing any more water therefrom. If Mr. Cochrane was the owner, why did he not say so, instead of pretending to act merely as the agent for the owner? Then again, we have Mr. Cary, our model Attorney-General, stepping forward and announcing that the Springs are his property. The very man, Mr. Editor, who should protect the public is endeavoring to fleece it! A nice story, truly, to send to England, to the North American Provinces, and to our neighbors on the other side of the Straits; and a fine position we shall occupy in the eyes of the world. We shall not, I fear, be noted for the honesty of officials.

Mr. Pemberton, too, comes next, suing Mr. Mountjoy for protecting the public property from the land-sharks who had fastened their teeth upon it. Why, he should have thanked him publicly from the bench for his disinterested conduct.

I would propose, Mr. Editor, that a petition be drafted and laid before the Home Government explaining this matter thoroughly. We should then have an opportunity of seeing what is thought of such acts in Downing-street, and whether their outrageous conduct is endorsed at home.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### SALE

### SHEEP AND CATTLE!

The Stock of Sheep on the

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There will also be sold at the same time, (if not previously disposed of) 300 Hampshire, Down Rams, imported from England by the Hudson's Bay Company, ready to sell.

Opportunity so rare is well worthy the attention of farmers wishing to improve their breeds of stock.

Credit for 3 months on bills with approved security will be given, or 2½ per cent discount for ready money will be allowed on all purchases amounting to \$50 and upwards.

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Victoria, May 27th, 1861.

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CREME DE CASSIS, superior article PORT AND SHERRY in cask and case, of superior quality.

BRANDY, Pale and Dark, Hennessy's, Martell, and Bonnoms.

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JAMAICA RUM, in pancheons and case.

SCOTCH WHISKY, Miller's, in bbls.

BOURBON WHISKY, one of the best made in America.

This whisky is worthy the attention of connoisseurs.

CENTURY, Magnolia, and Old Bourbon, in 14-bbls.

HOLLAND IN, in pipes and cases.

OLD TOM GIN, in pancheons and cases.

CHIFFON APPLES CIDER, in bbls. & 14-bbls.

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# THE BRITISH COLONIST

Tuesday Morning, May 28, 1861.

## The Tranquille River Diggings.

Our special correspondent "Argus," on his way up Fraser River, alluded several times in his letters to the fact that miners were at work on Tranquille or Lone River, a small tributary to Lake Kamloops, at the headwaters of Thompson River, and were doing very well. "Argus," however, passed up without visiting that locality, and we heard no further in regard to the diggings until the arrival of the Otter on Sunday, when Mr. Oppenheimer, a well known merchant of Fort Yale, came down, and confirmed the reports previously furnished by our correspondent. Mr. Oppenheimer says that his brother Charles arrived from Lytton City on Thursday of last week, bringing with him some fine specimens of shot-gold from Tranquille River. He reported that heavy prospects had been obtained from the bars of the stream in question, and that much excitement existed in the vicinity of Lytton City in consequence of the promulgation of statements from miners who had visited Lytton for the purpose of purchasing provisions. The river is 40 miles long and has been explored to its very source. Several companies were at work engaged in turning the river, while others were preparing to wing-dam. The precious metal is obtained from bars and benches on the creek, said to be extensive. The pay-gravel is easy of access, and not much stripping is required before reaching it. The creek takes its source in the same range of hills that extend from Quesnelle River south to Rock Creek.

St. Paul, a noted Kamloops Indian chief, is there, has staked off claims and set a large number of his tribe at work with rockers. None of the miners know what he is taking out per day, but judging from the prospects they have obtained, and the quantity of dust he is known to have in his possession, his men must be making excellent wages.

Our informant brought some of the gold to this city, where it was assayed by Marchand & Co. and yielded \$16.75 to the ounce. Many of the pieces weighed from a "bit" to one dollar.

This discovery may tend to divert travel to that section rather than to Cariboo. This distance is some 200 miles shorter than to the latter place, and consequently offers greater inducements to new-comers with limited means who are seeking for some place nearer the white settlements at which to locate and pass their first summer in the Colony.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—Michael L. Cavert, aged 45 years, a native of New York State, U. S. of America, died suddenly at his rooms in Ringo's Hotel, at 11½ o'clock yesterday morning. He was conversing with a gentleman a moment or two before his death, and the latter had barely time to reach the foot of the stairs before he was recalled with the announcement that deceased had just expired. Mr. Cavert had been suffering since last October from a severe attack of dropsy, and although no hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery, it was still thought that he might last many months to come. Deceased was formerly a member of the mercantile firm of Cavert & Hills, Sacramento, Cal.; but more recently has filled the position of director in the Victoria Gas Company. He was universally known as a high-minded and honorable man, and his loss is deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock p. m., this day.

**THE NEW BRIDGES.**—A few finishing touches only are required before the bridges over Rock Bay and the Arm of the harbor will be ready for travel. Pedestrians may now cross with perfect safety. Each bridge contains a large draw with proper machinery for raising or lowering as occasion requires. The road from the terminus of Rock Bay Bridge to the Arm Bridge is completed, as is also the road from the latter point to its juncture with Craigflower. The road forming a continuation of Store street has yet to be laid out. Parties are engaged in marking out the new road to Esquimalt, which is to run back of Russell's hill.

**NEARLY A SMASH-UP.**—Yesterday noon four spirited horses attached to a lumen wagon, while in front of our office, became frightened by the breaking of the pole of the vehicle and started for the sidewalk of the Star and Garter Hotel, where they kicked and plunged so violently that at one time it was feared the front portion of the hotel would be smashed in. The good management of the driver, however, prevented any such disastrous effect, and the animals were finally secured, without receiving any very serious damage.

**BROKE AWAY.**—A raft containing several thousand feet of lumber from the Cayoosh Flat (B. C.) sawmill, was last week floated to Lytton City, where it got into swift water and was carried several miles below. It is impossible to float it back to Lytton before next low water.

**STRAWBERRIES.**—Ripe strawberries (wild) have commenced to make their appearance here. Yesterday a few were hawked about by Indians and sold at extravagant prices.

**DO. D. D.**—A number of D. D.s. were before the magistrate yesterday in the Police Court. They received the usual fine and caution.

## Supreme Court.

[Before Chief Justice Cameron.] Chief Justice Cameron sat yesterday to dispose of Summary Suits.

Sixty-three suits had been entered for trial, but nearly all had been settled previous to their coming into Court.

**Graham vs. Campbell.**—Mr. McCraight, instructed by Mr. Pearkes, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Dennes for the defendant. This was a suit brought to recover \$191 for labor from July 1859 to April 1860, at \$20 per month, and also for board.

The plaintiff was examined by Mr. McCraight and cross-examined by Mr. Dennes and the defendant was examined by Mr. Dennes and cross-examined by Mr. McCraight.

His Honor considered that the plaintiff had not proved his case and ordered a nonsuit.

**Ochsner vs. Monahan.**—This was a suit brought to recover the sum of \$123, balance due on the sale of two horses.

Mr. Dennes appeared for the plaintiff.

The defendant admitted the debt and alleged that at the time of sale he had deposited with the plaintiff a title deed and a promissory note for the price of the horses.

It appeared from the plaintiff's examination that the title deed and promissory note had been stolen; that he had advertised the robbery and used every exertion to recover the stolen property.

His Honor observed this was a very singular case, and he should reserve his decision till Monday next, leaving it to the parties in the meantime to arrange the matter.

**NEW SILVER LEAD.**—Messrs. Humphry and Churchill, who have been prospecting for silver ore on the shores of Harrison Lake, have succeeded in discovering a vein of silver and gold-bearing ore that promises to yield well. Their claim is situated about fourteen miles below Port Douglas, on the west side of the lake, and very near the shore. Two assays were made yesterday of the ore—one for silver, the other for gold. The silver assay yielded \$60 to the ton, and the gold at the rate of \$112.50 per ton. The ore assayed was taken from the out-croppings; and the discoverers are so highly pleased with the result that they intend organizing a company to work the lead if possible.

**RACES.**—There were three races over the Beacon Hill Course yesterday. The first was for \$80 aside, between Harris' horse "George" and Richardson's "Punch"—distance one mile; won by "George." The second was for a sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$50 added. Three horses started, viz: Captain Robson's "Ned McGowan," Howard's "Fleet," and Mr. Mason's "Mousie;" distance one mile; won by "Mousie." The third and last race was between "Mousie" and "Fleet;" distance three straight miles; won by "Mousie" easily.

**LAUNCH.**—The Hudson Bay Company's schooner, just built at Laurel Point, was launched at 8 o'clock last evening. She glided off into the water amid the cheering of a concourse of people and the booming of canon. Seven guns were fired for the vessel and three for the builder—Peter Scogge. The name of the schooner has not yet been decided upon.

**ARRIVAL OF THE "MEG MERRILLES."**—

The schooner Meg Merrilles, Captain Phamphlet, arrived in two days from Barclay Sound last evening. She brought two or three passengers. The mill is running. Captain Stewart has commenced wrecking the Florencia, and, with the assistance of Indians, is breaking her up. Lieutenant Mayne's exploring party has returned from Nanaimo. A MARINE ROBBED BY SQUAWS.—About six o'clock last evening a marine, while crossing the second bridge on the road leading to Esquimalt, on horseback, was attacked by two squaws, who knocked him from his seat with stones, and as he lay on the ground, robbed ten dollars from his pockets. The Police were sent after the Amazons, and succeeded in arresting one of them.

**BECOMING DANGEROUS.**—The people of North Saanich complain that Rowe the crazy surveyor, has fortified himself in a log house in their neighborhood and threatens with instant death all who venture to approach him. He will be sent after.

**STICK TO THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LICENSES.**—A number of persons having ale and porter licenses were yesterday summoned for selling spirits, by Chief of Police Smith and Sergt. Blake.

**DO.**—The Indian arrested on suspicion of stealing a watch from a drunken man at Beacon Hill, was yesterday discharged by the magistrate.

**DO.**—The mail steamer will be due on Monday of next week. It is expected that she will bring a double English and European mail.

**THE STEAMERS.**—The Otter will leave for Fraser River this evening; and the Caledonia expects to leave for the same destination at noon to-day.

**AUCTION.**—At 12 o'clock to-day, J. A. McCrae will sell by auction, to close consignments, 500 cases Old Tom and 100 cases Anchor gin.

**DO.**—Major Downie's schooner will be launched to-morrow.

**DIED.**

In this city, May 27th, 1861, MICHAEL L. CAVERT, aged 45 years.

Friends and acquaintances of the deceased are respectfully requested to attend his funeral from Ringo's Hotel, Yates street, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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